Sarvadhikariakkar to His Highness the Maharaja.

215. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the grade of pay of the Sarvadhikariakkar;

(2) the names, qualifications and pay of the Sarvadhikariakkar to His Highness the Maharaja (both permanent and acting) for the last 15 years?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Rs. 300—400.

(2) A statement giving the information is appended (*Vide Appendix IV*).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Sir, with reference to Appendix IV considering the grade of pay of Sarvadhikarikar I find a comparatively low paid officer is acting in the post of Sarvadhi. May I know why such an officer was asked to act? Was it due to the dearth of more qualified officers?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, I do not think any comparatively low paid officer is acting. But I wish to know the particular information the Hon'ble Member wants.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—An officer drawing 100-150 has been acting for the post of Rs. 300—400, a post which was formerly held by a person drawing Rs. 600. May I know why?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—He was considered to be the man suitable for the place for the time being.

Statistics — Collection of.

216. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

will the Government give the informations, required in the Question No. 129, dated 30th November 1934, for which they said, "I want notice", the item being "the number of requests for the collection of statistics (from the non-official members) which the Government could not comply with during the last few years" (say the last 5 years) ?

Mr. Thomas Mathuran.—The question is too general so that the time and labour involved in the collection of statistics would be incommensurate with the results aimed at.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member for Law required notice for a particular piece of information from the

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non-officials and when he replied that he wanted notice for the same, is he not in duty bound to supply the information on a subsequent question being put with due notice?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—From the mere fact that notice was required by Government on a particular matter, it does not mean that Government would give the information in a subsequent question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Will not the answering of this question disclose a large number of important problems on which Government have not been able to supply statistics here?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It may do so. It will depend upon whether information is sought for on a large number of subjects.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even the other day it was seen that a large number of questions have been shelved like this.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No question is shelved.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can this information be supplied next time since they stated in the House that special arrangements have been made in the Huzur Secretariat to meet the demand?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— I must state that the new department which is started is intended to collect statistics which in the opinion of Government are likely to be useful. In this case Government consider that the trouble they have to incur will not be, as stated in the answer, commensurate with the results.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the particular instance noted by the Law Member ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have nothing to say more than what is contained in the answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Hon'ble Member was saying ever so many things. Will the Government kindly change the grammatical construction of this answer? Because now-a-days we do not write .....

Posting of Government Officers near to their native places.

217. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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